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House Bill No.HJR0030 By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Reba F. Akins on her election as Mayor of Westmoreland, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Reba F. Akins, a longtime citizen of Westmoreland, Tennessee, has recently been elected Mayor of that fair city, a designation most befitting a young woman of such remarkable leadership abilities; and

WHEREAS, in the history of Westmoreland, there has never been a woman elected to the most prominent office in City Hall, until now; the citizens of Westmoreland, by their voting power, changed the course of history and elected Mrs. Akins as the city's first female mayor; and

WHEREAS, as a retailer, restaurant owner, contractor, banker, and interior decorator, Mayor Akins brings an excellent business background to her elected office as well as a much deserved reputation as an exceptional city councilwoman; and

WHEREAS, this ambitious public servant feels that moving from the confines of the City Council to the prestigious position of mayor, is not only a fruitful transition, but also a well deserved achievement in her political career; Mayor Akins also feels very privileged to be able to serve the people of Westmoreland in such a highly visible and essential post; and

WHEREAS, having served on the city council, Mayor Akins undoubtedly possesses the experience and expertise required to lead an effective and efficient administration that will ensure that citizen concerns are well represented; and

WHEREAS, a family woman for more than forty years, Mayor Akins' family consists of her husband, Dean Akins, her son, Randy Akins, her daughter, Jill Wright and three grandchildren, Jeremy Akins, Melissa Wright and Amy Jent; she will certainly work as an advocate for family values; and

WHEREAS, sterling public officials such as Mayor Akins, who because of their elected duties have won their public's trust, are the backbone of representative democracy and are richly deserving of the recognition and commendation of this General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, it is with enthusiasm that this body pauses to congratulate one of Tennessee's outstanding citizens for her achievements in local government; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Mayor Reba F. Akins on her election as Mayor of Westmoreland, Tennessee, and wish her much success in her forthcoming executive duties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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